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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE: BLANCA HAYDEE  
ALTMANN, LAURA IRENE DORFMAN, AND ROSANA  
JUDITH SZAFERSTEIN

THE HONORABLE ANTHONY C. BEILENSEN  
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1. DEAR MR. BEILESEN:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INQUIRY OF NOV 9, 1981, CONCERNING  
THE IMPRISONMENT IN ARGENTINA OF MS. BLANCA HAYDEE ALTMANN,  
MS. LAURA IRENE DORFMAN AND MS. ROSANA JUDITH SZAFERSTEIN.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE OF THE SITUATION OF THESE  
WOMEN FOR SOME TIME. EACH REPORTEDLY WAS SEIZED BY ARMED  
MEN: ALTMANN IN JULY 1977; SZAFERSTEIN IN OCT 1977;  
AND DORFMAN IN MAY 1978. THEIR FAMILIES STATED THAT THEY  
NEVER SAW THEM AGAIN. AFTER LEARNING OF THEIR  
SITUATIONS, THE EMBASSY MADE SEPARATE INQUIRIES TO THE  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING EACH WOMEN'S WELFARE  
AND WHEREABOUTS. IN EACH CASE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE REPLIED  
THAT THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT HAD NO RECORD OF THEIR  
DETENTION NOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR  
WHEREABOUTS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, UNFORTUNATELY,  
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WE MUST REGARD THESE WOMEN AS BEING AMONG THE  
DISAPPEARED.

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3. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT THE EMBASSY WILL REMAIN  
ALERT TO ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BECOME  
AVAILABLE ABOUT THEM AND WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY  
SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

4. SINCERELY YOURS, HARRY W. SHLAUDEMAM, AMBASSADOR.  
SHLAUDEMAM

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